

**DUBOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

**July 31, 2023**

The Dubois County Council met on Monday, July 31, 2023 in the Commissioner/Council Chambers in the Dubois County Annex. President Michael W. Kluesner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were Board Members Michael W. Kluesner, Sonya Haas, Alex P. Hohl, Doug Uebelhor, Ryan Craig, Meredith I. Voegerl, Daryl L. Schmitt, and Auditor Sandra L. Morton.

**RE: MINUTES**

President Kluesner asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 19, 2023, meeting. On motion made by Ryan Craig, seconded by Daryl Schmitt, the minutes were approved as written.

**RE: REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT**

Mary Austin, Clark-Deitz Engineering, provided an update on the Regional Sewer District. The design is approximately 60% complete for the first phase to serve Haysville. The Indiana State Revolving Fund Loan Program (SRF) has requested breaking the projects into three phases over a 5 year funding cycle period. Holland and Portersville would be the next phases. A gravity flow system is being designed which can go either north or south depending on the treatment facility decision by the City of Jasper. The city ranked 11<sup>th</sup> on the SRF Project Priority List which was outside of the funding cycle for this year. They will meet with SRF in mid-August.

**RE: ORDINANCE 2023-12**

Auditor Morton presented an Affidavit from Recorder Jaclyn McPherron certifying that the statutory purposes of the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund have been satisfied and she requests the Council to adopt Ordinance 2023-12. The Ordinance authorizing the Recorder to pay expenses from the Perpetuation fund was presented. A motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 was made by Doug Uebelhor, duly seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE #2023-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUBOIS COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE DUBOIS COUNTY RECORDER TO PAY EXPENSES FROM THE PERPETUATION FUND**

WHEREAS, the Recorder of Dubois County has submitted to this County Council her sworn statement asserting that her office maintains a perpetuation fund pursuant to I.C. 36-2-7-10 for the purpose of preserving records held in her office and providing her office with records keeping system and equipment, and further asserting that such purposes are being satisfied using such fund; and

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-2-7-10.2 provides that revenue held in such fund which is in excess of that required for such purposes may be used to pay for other expenses of the Recorder's office if authorized by Ordinance adopted by this Council; and,

BASED upon the sworn statement of the County Recorder that said purposes have been satisfied and that excess revenue remains within such perpetuation fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DUBOIS COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

1. This Council does hereby approve the request of the Recorder of Dubois County that any revenue held in the Recorder perpetuation fund remaining during 2024 after paying or providing the cost of those purposes for which said fund was established may be used for payment during 2024 of other expenses of such Recorder's office.
2. This Ordinance shall be effective only for and during calendar year 2024.

Adopted this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.

**RE: DUBOIS STRONG**

Director Ed Cole presented the proposed 2024 budget request of \$100,000 for both Dubois Strong and Grow Dubois County. He also provided an update on current programs.

**RE: DUBOIS COUNTY TOURISM**

Dubois County Tourism Director Whitney Lubbers presented the proposed 2024 budget request of \$660,000 for the innkeeper tax and provided program updates.

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### **RE: INDIANA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Director Nathan Held presented the proposed 2024 funding request for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in the amount of \$28,364.05. The per capita rate will be increased to \$0.65 per capita based on the 2020 census. A list of the projects the Commission has been working on was provided.

### **RE: 4-H COUNCIL**

4-H Council Treasurer Madison Fleck and Council Members Ed Boeglin and Scott Schnell presented the proposed 2024 budget request of \$125,000 and provided program updates. The age and condition of the 4-H buildings was discussed.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Community Corrections Director Wyatt Madden requested an additional appropriation in the Corrections Misdemeanant Fund Personal Services in the amount of \$12,000 to increase the Administrative Assistant from part time to full time for wages and benefits. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig and seconded by Alex Hohl. The motion carried unanimously.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – SALARY AMENDMENT**

Auditor Morton presented an Amendment to the Salary Ordinance for the Corrections Misdemeanant fund Administrative Assistant to be paid a maximum bi-weekly salary of \$1,400. The position is effective August 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance by Daryl Schmitt, was duly seconded by Meredith Voegerl, and carried unanimously.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – APPROPRIATION TRANSFER**

Auditor Morton requested a transfer of appropriation in the Community Corrections Project Income Fund in the amount of \$219.70 from Other Services Participant Insurance to Office Supplies. Sonya Haas made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ryan Craig, and carried unanimously.

### **RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS – CONSTRUCTION**

Director Madden provided an update on the progress of the construction at the Community Corrections facility. The staff and participants moved back into the facility on July 27, 2023. The construction crews are starting on the current jail facility.

### **RE: HEALTH FIRST INDIANA**

Health Administrative Director Shawn Werner discussed changes to the Health Department due to the passage of the Governor's Commission on Public Health and the creation of the Health First Indiana Fund. The County Commissioners opted to receive the state funding for 2024 and 2025. Health First Indiana will provide core public health services with at least 60% of the funding to be spent for the following preventative services: Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, Chronic Disease Prevention, Trauma and Injury Prevention, Fatality Review, Maternal and Child Health, School Health Liaison, Lead Case Management and Risk Assessment, Access to and Linkage to Clinical Care, Tuberculosis Prevention and Case Management, Health Related Areas during Emergencies/Disasters, Immunizations, Infectious Disease Surveillance and Prevention, Vital Records, Food Protection, Environmental Public Health, and Tattoo, Body Piercing, Eyelash Safety and Sanitation.

The Health Department is expected to receive a minimum of \$425,461 in 2024 and \$850,000 or more in 2025. Werner plans to hire an Environmental Health Educator and two Community Health Workers. The Local Health Maintenance and Local Health Department Trust funds will no longer be funded and will be included in the new Health First Indiana funds.

### **RE: CITY OF JASPER - REGIONAL HEALTH WELLNESS CENTER**

Jasper City Mayor Dean Vonderheide discussed the *better together. Community Partnership* to build a Regional Wellness Center near the Jasper Armory and Parklands. The proposed 91,000 square foot center will include a fitness center, four full court gymnasiums, an indoor aquatic center, indoor elevated walking track, four group exercise studios and five community rooms including a community kitchen. The estimated cost is \$37 million. The City of Jasper and YMCA are beginning a major regional capital campaign to secure the support of the private sector and will continue to work on securing various

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grant funding opportunities to support the project. Mayor Vonderheide formally requested Dubois County join the Community Partnership and to make a commitment to invest \$1,000,000 to the project. No action was taken at this time.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – GENERAL FUND**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Jail Other Services in the amount of \$10,000 for Jail Inmate Medical. A motion was made to approve the request by Meredith Voegerl and seconded by Ryan Craig. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the General Fund Courthouse Annex Other Services in the amount of \$5,600 for repair and maintenance. A motion was made to approve the request by Daryl Schmitt and seconded by Sonya Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – LIT – ED FUND**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the LIT-ED Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$83,000 for the Annex Chiller. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig, was duly seconded by Doug Uebelhor, and carried unanimously.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS – CUM CAP FUND**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$20,000 for a vehicle for the Solid Waste Management District. A motion was made to approve the request by Sonya Haas and seconded by Meredith Voegerl. The motion carried unanimously.

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Cum Cap Fund Capital Outlay in the amount of \$20,000 for computer equipment. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig, seconded by Alex Hohl and carried unanimously.

**RE: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION – STATEWIDE 911 SURCHARGE FUND**

Auditor Morton requested an Additional Appropriation in the Statewide 911 Surcharge Fund Other Services in the amount of \$24,000 for the Jasper Police Department PSAP INdigital upgraded system. A motion was made to approve the request by Ryan Craig, seconded by Doug Uebelhor, and carried unanimously.

**RE: FINANCIAL AUDITS - 2021 and 2022**

Auditor Morton provided an update on the financial audits of 2021 and 2022 completed by the State Board of Accounts. No issues were found.

**RE: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Emergency Management – Doug Uebelhor reported on the 911 Advisory Board meeting. The department currently has openings for dispatchers.

**RE: FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Council set the next regular meeting for Monday, August 28, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The Budget Review meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The Public Hearings for the 2024 budget will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. with the budget adoption on October 30, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Future regular meetings are as follows beginning at 4:30 p.m. - September 18, 2023; October 30, 2023; November 27, 2023; and December 11, 2023. The final meeting of the year will be held on December 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. All meetings will be held in the Commissioner/Council Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Courthouse Annex

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Doug Uebelhor, seconded by Ryan Craig. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.